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March 6, 2012

Hon. Frederic Block  
United States District Court  
Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: United States v. Pat Truglia  
12 CR 00094

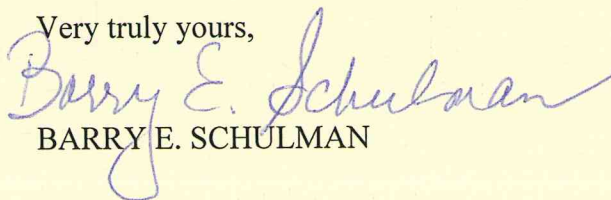
Dear Judge Block:

Reference is made to our telephone conversation of March 5, 2012, with Your Honor's clerk in which we requested that the above-named defendant be excused from appearing at our status conference, currently scheduled for Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. This letter will confirm that Assistant United States Attorney Elizabeth Geddes has consented to the defendant's absence from the conference.

This request is made in light of the fact that Mr. Truglia lives in Florida; that his mother is undergoing a uterine cancer operation on Thursday, March 8, 2012, and the need for extensive discovery to be reviewed before any contemplated motions are made.

Thank you for your time. If Your Honor has any further questions, please contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

  
BARRY E. SCHULMAN

cc: AUSA Elizabeth Geddes  
Eastern District of New York